

PUBLIC NOTICE – STAFFORD COUNTY WATER SUPPLY PLAN

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on the Stafford County Water Supply Plan submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) under §9 VAC 25-780, et seq, Local and Regional Water Supply Planning regulation.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: February 7, 2013 to March 11, 2013

DESCRIPTION OF THE WATER SUPPLY PLAN:

The Stafford County Water Supply Plan ("Plan"), dated November 2011, identifies existing water sources, estimates current and future water demand, and assesses the need for additional sources for future water supply for Stafford County, Virginia. DEQ has issued a tentative determination of compliance to the Director of Stafford County Department of Utilities, Mr. Harry Critzer. The following is a brief summary of the Plan:

Stafford County is located in the Potomac-Shenandoah River Basin. The Stafford County Water Supply Plan identifies ground water and the Potomac and Rappahannock Rivers as principal water supply sources. The Plan identifies community water systems that are ground water based and those that use reservoirs on major tributaries to the Potomac and Rappahannock Rivers. Self supplied agricultural and non-agricultural users are also identified. The region plans to address a projected shortfall of municipal supply due to future demand by continuing the construction of the Rocky Pen Run Reservoir project, and pursuing other surface and groundwater alternatives noted in the plan.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ during the comment period. The regional water supply plan is available from the contact below or on the DEQ website at www.deq.virginia.gov. Upon review of written comments submitted in response to this public notice, DEQ will make a final compliance determination decision.

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